and reversing the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2011;

(b) if so, whether this project would be integrated with our comprehensive efforts being made towards gradully eliminating this growing menance or this project would concentrate on specific areas where the incidence of this deadly disease is comparatively higher; and

(c) what are the salient points of this World Bank Project?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) The National AIDS Control Programme Phase III aims at halting and reversing the epidemic by 2012. It was approved with a total outlay of Rs. 8023 crore for the five year period 2007-2012. Of this, Rs. 1125 crore (US 250 million dollar) has been obtained from the World Bank. The World Bank loan is proposed for up-scaling targeted interventions among high risk groups and vulnerable population, improving access to safe blood, strengthening services for the treatment of sexually transmited infections, capacity building, condom promotion and increasing awareness about preventive measures and demand generation for services available. The fund will also be utilized for augmenting the capacity for programme dilivery at district, state and national levels and also to strengthen the information management system to improve the effectiveness of data collection and analysis. These activities will be taken up throughout country with a higher focus on 195 districts which have a higher prevalence of HIV infection in the country.

CD-ROM facility

*137. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CD-Rom facility is most important part of a modern library for retrieval of information;

(b) whether despite a huge investment and annual expenditure of over rupees twenty-five lakhs, this facility is almost non-functional in IARI, Library, Pusa and its access is not available to agricultural scientists and research students for the last one year;

(c) the number of users from November, 2006 to October, 2007 and the figures for the corresponding period in previous two years; and

(d) whether Government has conducted any enquiry into the matter; if so the findings thereof and the action taken against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The CD-ROM (Compact Discs with Read Only Memory) facility is one of the important parts of modern library system for retrieval of information.

(b) No, Sir. The CD-ROM work stations have always been functional in the IARI Library and acces to database has been provided regularly to the scientists and students. The Service to various divisions of the institute was however partly affected during April, 2006 to March, 2007 due to paucity of the online databases. The service at present is fully functional.

(c) The information is as under:—

	November, 2006 to October, 2007	November, 2005 to October, 2006	November, 2004 to October, 2005
No. of Users	2100	1200	3100

(d) In view of answer to (b), the question does not arise.

Shatabdi like trains from Delhi to cities of Punjab

*138. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has plans to introduce Shatabdi like trains from Delhi to important cities of Patiala and Hoshiarpur in Punjab;

(b) if so, the the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that traffic from Delhi to Patiala and Hoshiarpur has increased during the last few years; and

(d) if so, whether any survey has been conducted on these sectors and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Census of occupancy of trains on these sectors is done twice in a year.

Import of wheat on higher rate

†*139. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has imported wheat at the rate of 325 dollar and 390 dollar per tonne instead of 263 dollar per tonne during the last few months;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government has wrongly estimated the said procurement; and

(d) if so, the authority to whom the responsibiliy of the said estimate was given alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) A tender was floated by the State Trading Corporation (STC) for import of 10 lakh tons of wheat on 30th April, 2007. The STC recommended

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.